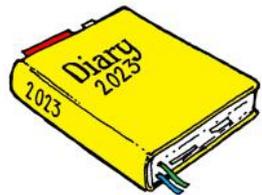
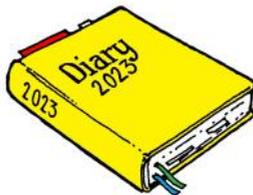
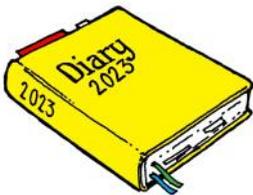


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# THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

St Mary The Virgin: Burton Bradstock

St Mary: Litton Cheney

St Michael & All Angels: Littlebredy

St Peter: Long Bredy

Chilcombe (dedication unknown)

St Mary The Blessed Virgin: Puncknowle

St Martin: Shipton Gorge

Holy Trinity: Swyre

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## BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE



The BVCS is a volunteer scheme offering residents of the Bride Valley transport to and from medical appointments when they are unable to drive themselves or be driven by relatives or friends.

Clients are charged a mileage fee (currently 50p per mile) plus a standard charge (currently £1.00 per journey). Because the service depends on the availability of volunteer drivers, clients are asked to give as much notice as possible – we are unlikely to be able to respond to requests within 48 hours of an appointment.

BVCS simply provides door-to-door transport and cannot be responsible for assisting with clients' medical or mobility needs. Patients with complex transport needs for hospital appointments should contact the NHS Non-Emergency Patient Transport service.

To book a journey please call our voluntary co-ordinator  
on **07393 607025 (note new number)**

between Monday and Friday.

Calls cannot be taken at weekends.



## FROM THE RECTORY

Christmas done and dusted for another year ... or is it??

As we step across the threshold of a new year it might seem as if carol singing and 'baby Jesus' are a dim and distant memory of the 'old year'.

The shepherds have gone back to their fields to watch their flocks and there is not an angel to be seen!

You might also think that the wise men have packed up their camels and ridden off across the desert again, back to the far and distant lands from whence they came.

But there you would be wrong too, because the wise men do not strictly belong in the Christmas story at all. Their story is a January story. It begins to unfold on 6th January when the Church celebrates the season of Epiphany (Epiphany meaning 'to reveal that which is hidden'). Baby Jesus was probably a little older and Mary and Joseph were unlikely to still be sheltering in a stable.

This part of the story is set against a backdrop of the reign of a jealous tyrant king (Herod) whose cruelty will mean the young Holy family will soon need to flee and become refugees in another land.

But for now, a mysterious 'awe and wonder' moment; a visit by wise men from far off lands bringing gifts to the infant Jesus becomes the next instalment of the Christmas story; a story which gradually reveals to the world who this baby, Jesus, really is; a story that keeps on giving; a story which will change the world forever.

The wise men bring, for their part in the story, gifts of great value – the best they could bring, and they lay them at the cradle of a child who is God, before returning home in the full knowledge that they have found the King they were looking for.

In this January season of Epiphany you might just want to unpack your crib scene again – the Holy family and the kings - and put them back on the shelf until Candlemas on 2nd February when Epiphany season ends. They will remind you that the story of Christmas doesn't end with the new year.

In fact, the story has continued through the centuries, as Jesus, the baby in the manger who grew to die for us on the cross, our God and Saviour, is revealed afresh for each new generation.

May this New Year bring you new revelations and blessings beyond measure.

Until next time, take care,

Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley)

## **Bride Valley Churches**

### **Church Warden Vacancies 2023**

Throughout the Bride Valley there are opportunities to play a key part in the life of the villages and churches. Churchwarden vacancies are expected and in some cases already exist.

The role of a Churchwarden is an important one. It is usually shared by two people. They support the Rector and represent the congregation whilst keeping in touch with local organisations and the wider community. They are responsible for the upkeep of the buildings and land. They have an oversight of financial matters and ensure that everything relating to the church is running smoothly. The responsibilities may sound onerous but many tasks are usually delegated. It can at times be challenging, but can also be very rewarding.

Churchwardens are elected annually by the parishioners (not just the congregation) and usually serve for two 3 year terms. There may be concerns that a longer period is expected. This is not the case and over the years involving more people in the role can only be good. Six years may sound a long time but it passes all too quickly.

No special qualifications are required.

If this challenge is one which you feel you can meet, or if you can recognise someone else who may be happy to meet it, please get in touch with the Rector. ( 01308 898799)

Peter Broomhead (Churchwarden in Burton Bradstock 2016–2022)



## THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



### December Review

**Below is the review for this month's book - Shuggie Bain by Douglas Stuart**

This month we read Shuggie Bain, the debut novel by Douglas Stuart which won the 2020 Booker Prize. The story is based on his own childhood growing up in a deprived part of Glasgow in the 1980s and some of us found it a bleak read.

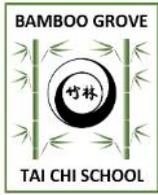
However there was much to admire in this book and its realistic depiction of the community. Shuggie is the youngest son of an alcoholic mother and a philandering - mostly absent - father. His older half siblings are more able to escape the toxic home environment and it is Shuggie who stays with his mother during her decline.

The book takes us through various Glaswegian districts but the one which stands out most is a very deprived ex pit village on the outskirts of the city. We learn how Shuggie tries to protect his mother, haggle for credit at the local shop, attend school just enough to keep the authorities at bay whilst fending off other predatory drinkers who seek to take advantage of his vulnerable and befuddled mother.

The story is heartbreaking and just when you think Agnes Bain cannot sink any lower - she does. Several of us wondered why social services had not stepped in and why his school did not stage an intervention. Tragically Agnes does manage to dry out for a period of over a year - only to be pressurised into drinking again by her new man, Eugene.

In reality Douglas Stuart rose above the vicious circle of deprivation and childhood neglect to grasp an education and then work successfully in the New York fashion industry. He wrote the novel in his spare time over ten years.

**Michele Vassar**



# TAI CHI COMES TO LATCH

**Bamboo Grove Tai Chi School will begin offering classes in Tai Chi and Qigong (Chinese breathing and stretching exercises) at LATCH from 21<sup>st</sup> January. With us you will learn traditional tai chi and qigong for the modern world, for the most part accessible to people of all ages and levels of physical fitness.**

## What are Tai Chi and Qigong?

Tai Chi is a profound system of exercise and body-mind training ideal for helping people tackle many problems caused by modern life, such as sedentary, inactive lifestyles, endless "multitasking", chronic levels of stress, overuse of digital media and technology, and disconnection from nature. Originating as a martial art, it is now practised by the overwhelming majority of learners for health and well-being.

The qigong exercises that we teach can be considered as sequences of stretches, twists and stepping movements which, combined with specific breathing techniques, help to release tension as well as opening out, grounding and energising the body. They serve as a good preparation for beginning tai chi, but can also be practised on their own.

## Our classes feature:

traditional tai chi and qigong, deriving from authentic lineages;  
balanced and flexible training, whatever your aims;  
live, in-depth and time-efficient classes, supported by an increasing range of online material;  
a certified Advanced Instructor of the Tai Chi and Qigong Union of Great Britain and a highly experienced educator.

**FREE ONLINE TASTER LESSON NOW AVAILABLE: PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.**

For more information, please see our website at [www.bamboogrovetaichi.co.uk](http://www.bamboogrovetaichi.co.uk) or contact Andrew at email [bamboogtc@tutanota.com](mailto:bamboogtc@tutanota.com), mobile 07912 107950.



## Thorners School



The children made the most of the frosty weather at the end of term and managed to put on their two Christmas productions despite a lot of pupils being away in the last week. They really enjoyed their Christmas lunch from Local Food Links and also their trip up to Church for carols and readings altogether as well. Thanks to all on the TSA who have made such a big effort for all the events in the last week of term. The end of term House Quiz was also an exciting event for the children with some fierce competition between *Ellen MacArthur*, *Edmund Hillary*, *Ernest Shackleton* and *Mary Kinglsey* (our four houses). It was wonderful to see the children team up with siblings and their other house mates to battle it out for the house cup!

The children are looking forward to working on another of their 60 Big Questions in their foundation subjects. Eggardon are working on life in Ancient Greece and will be learning Ancient Greek for a term with me as well as investigating how volcanoes affect those that live near them. Bredy are considering why jungles are so wet and deserts are so dry alongside their studies into life in Ancient Egypt. Lastly Chesil are working with maps and plans and their local history study. It is hoped that the children's learning in each term builds up their skills and knowledge as a historian/geographer and they leave us ready to take on these subjects at secondary school with a good foundation to build on up to GCSE.

The Government have announced some funding for school premises to make us more resilient to energy price increases and bad weather in the winter so Mr White and his Eco-Committee of older children will be looking into ways in which we can maximise the benefit of this one-off lump sum. We hope to undertake a revised Energy Performance Certificate after this money has been invested so we can see the difference it has made to the overall efficiency of the premises.

Lastly, we look forward this term to some new clubs and activities for the children such as Art Club, X-Country, Messy Church and Dodgeball as well as our wraparound care club and breakfast club for parents that need to drop their children early and/or pick up after work. Thank you to Liz Kingston, Miss Grindley and Julie Keefe for running these clubs which is an invaluable lifeline for working parents in the valley. It is lovely to see the range of activities the children get up to and, in particular, to watch children of all ages play together from across the school.

We hope everyone looks forward to a happy 2023!  
Mike Sitch

## Our Night Sky in January 2023

Venus will be setting by 1730, followed by Saturn and Jupiter, this last one setting by 2230. However, Mars will be rising by 1700 and will be prominent glowing steadily and red by the Pleiades. Here, I must apologise for the lack of a mention of Mars in the November Sky. While walking back with friends on a clear dark night, we saw this bright orange object near Taurus, and I wrongly identified it with Aldebaran, which is also red but much fainter, and which twinkles unlike a planet. Venus will be setting by 1730, followed by Saturn and Jupiter, this last one setting by 22.30. So, embarrassment for your humble scribe, and promises to be a little more rigorous in consulting my planetarium.

Artemis, the latest attempt by NASA to launch a rocket capable of taking the next generation of astronauts to land on the Moon, was successful in November, and by now should be safely back having orbited the Moon, and hopefully survived the searing re-entry and splashdown. More of that in the next Sky.

Meanwhile, the search for the mysterious Dark Matter and Dark Energy continues. We know how much dark energy there is because we know how it affects the universe's expansion. Other than that, it is a complete mystery. But it is an important mystery. It turns out that roughly 68% of the universe is dark energy, and there are several theories about what it might be, including Einstein's. Dark matter makes up about 27%. We are much more certain what dark matter is not than we are what it is. First, it is dark, meaning that it is not in the form of stars and planets that we see. Second, it is not in the form of dark clouds of normal matter, matter made up of particles called baryons. Third, dark matter is not antimatter, because we do not see the unique gamma rays that are produced when antimatter annihilates with matter.

Finally, we can rule out large galaxy-sized black holes on the basis of how many gravitational lenses we see. High concentrations of matter bend light passing near them from objects further away, but we do not see enough lensing events to suggest that such objects make up the required 25% dark matter contribution. The rest - everything on Earth, everything ever observed with all of our instruments, all normal matter - adds up to less than 5% of the universe. Come to think of it, maybe it shouldn't be called "normal" matter at all, since it is such a small fraction of the universe. Efforts to explain these two mysterious contributors to the Universe continue to stretch scientists of all persuasions, and there will be Nobel prizes available to anyone **able to convincingly explain either or both**.

**Bill Turnill**



## Burton Bradstock CE Primary School



I write this the day after our performance of 'Fireside Nativity' which was held at Freshwater Holiday Park. It was such a special evening with all the children rising to the occasion and performing in front of a crowd of almost 300! Thank you to everyone who joined us for the evening and supported the event. We raised over £400 for Mosaic and our playground fund.

Last weekend, we held our Christmas Fayre. Children and grown-ups alike enjoyed the hot drinks on offer, festive goodies and games, carol singing and the raffle! We raised just over £1800 which is a huge amount that will go towards our playground project for 2023. Thank you to all the friends of school and other families who supported the event by running stalls, selling and buying raffle tickets and helping to set up and take down.

In sporting news, we recently took a team of children to cross country running events at Beaminster. All the children did really well and there were some standout performances; Josh and Joshua running against each other in the Year 5/6 race; Elsie, who won the Y3/4 girls race and our Y3/4 girls who came second overall.

In the Spring term, the children are looking forward to studying the following topics:

- The Nest – Starry Night
- Robins – Bright Lights, Big City
- Kingfishers – Rocks, Relics and Rumbles
- Owls – Sow, Grow, Farm

At the end of January, we say goodbye to Mrs Clift who has been part of our school community for over 20 years. She is relocating to Wales to be closer to her family and first grandchild! I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future.

Wishing you all a happy new year from everyone at Burton Bradstock Primary school!

Adam Gough  
Headteacher

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## Christmas at Burton



For our final meeting of 2022 we celebrated Christmas with an excellent meal in the White Horse in Litton Cheney enjoyed by all of our ladies. Many thanks go to Liz and Andy .



Our Sunday morning monthly walks continue and although chilly it's great to be outside enjoying the beautiful scenery surrounding us in the Bride Valley.

At our January meeting we will be trying out our dance moves and having a go at a bit of "Strictly" magic— learning to Jive!!!!

We meet on the third Thursday of every month in Puncknowle Village Hall at 7.30pm and if you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in contact on our email. A copy of our programme for the year can be emailed to you if requested.

[Bridevalleywi@gmail](mailto:Bridevalleywi@gmail.com)

Come along to **Litton Cheney's winter WARM space on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023 LATCH will be open between 10 and 12 noon** and everyone is very welcome for free tea and coffee. There will be information about activities in the village, bacon rolls etc, children's activities, books, stalls and more .....

Any funds raised during the morning are for the First Steps Play group and LATCH. The Toddler Group meet on Thursday mornings during term times in Litton Cheney Hall. For further information contact 01308 482162

# LITTON CHENEY

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## St. Mary's Church

Writing this well before Christmas makes it difficult to report on events; that the church looked splendid and the music was wonderful are beyond question. A big thank you to everyone who decorated the church, prepared the services, provided warming refreshments and floodlit the church for many nights over the holiday period.

On **Monday 9th January** we are holding another of our coffee mornings in church from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30. a.m. There is a warm welcome for all – young and not-so-young. Hot drinks, cake and biscuits are free and we have a good selection of toys available so mums with pre-school children can come on their way back from dropping older siblings at Thorner's! Hope to see you there for a New Year catch-up after all the festivities.

The United Service on **Sunday 29th** will be at 11.00 at St Nicholas Church, Abbotsbury. No doubt many of you will be aware of the proposal to join the Parishes of Abbotsbury, Portesham and Langton Herring with our Benefice, which will be going to public consultation sometime in 2023.

### **A Thank You – Village Christmas Tree & Carol Singing**

Contrary to several schools of thought, the village Christmas Tree is not obtained, erected and decorated by elves but by a very willing band of Santa's local helpers in the shape of village residents. Our grateful thanks to all who contributed to a wonderful display over the Christmas period .

**Carol Singing** – once again our thanks to Paul Cheater who led members of the church choir and tuneful residents willing to battle the elements and bring festive cheer and carols to the various areas of the village in the lead up to Christmas.

### **Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Meeting room of LATCH. You are most welcome to attend. At this meeting the village precept for 2023/24 will be decided.

***Litton Cheney Parish Council wishes all Bride Valley residents the very best of good fortune and wellness in 2023.***

## **Just in Case – A Need to be Aware**

Climate changes mean more severe weather events and we have all witnessed increasing numbers of occasions when rain falls faster than it can drain away. The risk of major flooding in Litton Cheney is low but, even if the risk is “once in a lifetime”, that doesn’t mean it couldn’t happen tomorrow! With this in mind, the Parish Council plans to create a flood action plan to help us prevent flooding where possible, and to minimise damage and provide assistance should flooding occur. The first step was to appoint a Flood Warden and we are most grateful to David Ingram for volunteering to take on this role.

The next step is to identify properties within the village that might be at risk. David and Maggie Walsh, our Parish Clerk, plan to walk around the village during January to identify where surface water flooding might possibly occur. Meanwhile, if you think your property might be at risk of flooding from surface water, or if you could act as “eyes on the ground” to monitor rising water levels, please contact Maggie at [littoncheney@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:littoncheney@dorset-aptc.gov.uk) and we will ensure you are on our radar and keep you informed of developments.

## **Avian Bird Flu**

Avian Bird Flu Restrictions are now in force throughout the UK, and it is a legal requirement that all domestic fowl and pet birds are **kept enclosed**, thereby preventing wild birds from interacting with them. Fines for non-compliance are high.

## **Parish Bench Fund**

Suggestions are invited for suitable locations within Litton Cheney Parish for additional sites for village benches. It may be somewhere with a stunning view or a place to rest our weary bones.

The fund welcomes further donations. Contact Clerk Maggie Walsh for further details - [01308 281561](tel:01308281561)

Exciting plans are afoot for The Queen’s Bench to commemorate Her Late Majesty’s reign. Further news in the New Year.

## **Village Sewer Renovation**

By the time you read this Wessex Water will have completed their sewer renovation work in the village. There were plans to carry out work in Long Bredy before Christmas but that has now been delayed until the new year.

## Help with Fuel Bills

The purpose of The Litton Cheney Trust is to give financial help to Litton Cheney residents “who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress”. This may be particularly relevant this winter so if you are struggling with your fuel bills do make contact with one of the Trustees who are the Rector Jane Williams, Penny Dewar, Lyn Lacey, Nick Bunting and Freddie Spicer (who is also the Secretary 01308 482617).



## Events at LATCH – for January



### Weekly:

Tuesdays: 15.30 – 16.30 Big Q Church (term time only)

16.45 - Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 482661)

Wednesdays: after school - Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 482661)

19.00 – Yoga with Anna Forrest (annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com)

Thursdays: 09.30 – 11.00 First Steps Play Group (term time only)

### Special:

Saturday 7th - 10.00 – 12.00 “Winter Warm Space” – Refreshments/stalls/ raffle

Sunday 8th and 29th - Yoga mornings with Nadiya Wynn (nadiyasime@hotmail.com)

Tuesday 10th – 19.30 Parish Council meeting (meeting room)

Saturday 21st – 09.30 – 12.30 NEW Tai Chi class – see announcement in

### Valley Notes.

Coming up... Thursday 2nd February – **Film Night** “Top Gun: The Maverick”

**Friday 17th February** – **Artsreach production** – see separate announcement

**Hire Charges:** Our hire charges have remained unchanged for some years now, but unfortunately with the rise in energy costs we are going to have to increase our rates from 1st January. The cost for local users and Thorner’s parents (Band 1) will be £8 per hour for the main hall and £4.50 per hour for the meeting room. Band 2 and Wedding Weekend rates will also be increasing.

**Village Cafés:** A reminder that the hall is available for hire free of charge on Saturday mornings for a Café to raise funds for any group. It’s a good social event for the community and always popular – contact me to book a date.

Hall Bookings: Wendy Firrell 01308 482532 [wtlitton@gmail.com](mailto:wtlitton@gmail.com)

## Calendars for 2023

By the time you read this they may all have been sold, but if you are in need of a stunning Bride Valley 16 month calendar, perhaps for yourself or friends and family, please contact Tricia Gates 482742 – you may be lucky.



From Liz and Andy at The White Horse



**“HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!”**  
Let’s see what 2023 brings us



## BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE HALL.



**Price freeze!** All our costs are going up, but we have decided during these difficult times for all to hold our prices this season (until May’23) at £5. Please support us when you can as it doesn’t take many extra people to make a difference.

### THURSDAY 2 Feb Top Gun : The Maverick *‘aviation fuelled thrill ride’*

After more than thirty years of service as a top naval aviator, Pete “Maverick” Mitchell (**Tom Cruise**) is where he belongs, pushing the envelope as a courageous test pilot. Yet, Maverick must confront the ghosts of his past when he returns to TOP GUN to train a group of elite graduates and comes face-to-face with Lt. Bradshaw (**Miles Teller**), the son of his former wingman, “Goose.” Bitter rivalries ignite as the pilots prepare for a specialised mission, which will require the ultimate sacrifice from those chosen to fly it.

**Cert. 12+ 2hrs**

Doors Open: 7.00 p.m. Film starts 7.30 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine) Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

Next films (subject to licences being available):

Thurs. 2 March Mrs Harris goes to Paris

Thurs. 6 April Operation Mincemeat

Look out for further details on posters, on the website and in the BVN. We will be sharing the licences for these films with Burton Bradstock who will show them on the previous Fridays.



## ARTSREACH EVENTS COMING TO LATCH

### **THE KING OF NOTHING'**

*with The Monstro Theatre Company*

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 11.00am

Children's half-term entertainment. Suitable for children age 5+

**'LOVE AND SPICE'** *with Balbar Singh Dance Company*

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm

Classical Indian Dance and Music

*Please make a note of these two exciting events.*

*Further details in the next edition of BVN  
or tel:01308 482514*



**Burton Bradstock Community Library**  
**Serving the Bride Valley**

The library is open as follows:

Mondays 2.00pm to 4.00pm  
Wednesdays 10.30am to 12.30pm and 2.30pm to 4.30pm  
Saturdays 2.00pm to 4.00pm

As a Community Managed Library we offer a full library service for the Bride Valley as part of Dorset Libraries. You can browse and borrow books and jigsaws, pick up reservations, and also return books which you have borrowed from any Dorset (or Libraries West) location, all without cost using your Dorset Libraries card (membership is free). We offer a photocopying service, free Wi-Fi, and there are two public PCs available on a 'first come, first served' basis.

All information can be found on our website: [www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk), and you can telephone the library during opening hours on (01308) 897563.

**Burton Bradstock Players**

**February 16/17/18**

**2 One Act Plays**

**Burton Bradstock Village Hall 7.30 pm**

Janet Tolputt  
Burton Bradstock Players

More information in February Bride Valley News

# LITTLEBREDY

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## St. Michael and All Angels

Nature notes time again, this month, as there is effectively no news known to your contributor worth passing on. This is being written in the middle (or near the end, I hope) of December's vicious cold snap, which has, however, created magical effects of frost on the branches of trees and hedges around the village on several days, especially when the sky has been blue and a wintry sun has been shining.

There has been a suggestion that Tim Laycock will be organising another Wassail party (shorthand for blessing next year's apple - and cider - crop) around the village during January. A date which has been mentioned is Saturday 14th January, but this can't be confirmed as I write. Anyone wanting to establish details and join in should please contact Tim or Angela on 482443.

Visitors to the lake across the little bridge beside Spring Cottage will have noticed the former sheepwash overflowing again this month. This has happened before at times of heavy rainfall, and it has then remedied itself, but that is not going to happen again this time. Some of the masonry has clearly fallen into the channel under the outlet, and not enough water can get through. There may already have been some drastic surgery before these notes are read.

Let us hope that 2023 brings good to everyone in, or connected with, Littlebredy in any way - a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all.

2023



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& WEST BEXINGTON**  
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**ST MARY'S CHURCH**

St Mary's welcomes everyone to join us in our services – visitors and locals will all receive a very warm welcome and hopefully join us afterwards for coffee in the pub opposite.

First Sunday Holy Communion 9.30am

No service on the second Sunday

Third Sunday All Age Communion 11am

Fourth Sunday Family Sunday 9.30am

Any Fifth Sunday will be a United Service at one of the Churches in the Bride Valley.

**CANDLEMAS AT PUNCKNOWLE CHURCH**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 7pm**

You are invited to join us at  
A quiet candlelit service of meditation and plainsong  
To celebrate 'Christ – the light of the world' with  
Refreshments afterwards at the Crown Inn

**Date for your diary – PUNCKNOWLE FETE 2023 on July 8th**

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE, WEST BEXINGTON, CHILCOMBE,  
LONG BREDY AND LITTLE BREDY

## LUNCH CLUB

PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL - 1.00pm

Enquiries - please contact David Buckland, 01308 898492 for more details.

LUNCHES COST £6.00

17th January 2023

Lamb Tagine with Rice Sticky Toffee Pudding with custard/cream  
Cheese and Biscuits, Tea/coffee.

Future dates: 21/2/2023 Steak Casserole with puff pastry,  
mashed potato, vegetables, Treacle tart with ice cream

21/03/23

18/04/23

16/5/23

20/06/23

We continue to follow current COVID rules

Come and join in the

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## WINTER FUN CLUB

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Puncknowle Village Hall

10.15 – 11.45 a.m on alternate Thursdays

Coffee mornings with added zest!

January 5<sup>th</sup> Puzzles, poems and pantos    January 19<sup>th</sup> Spinning and circling

Future dates

February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>    March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

Any query, offer of help or request for transport?  
Please call/text Marion Derbyshire 07815 661973

## **Puncknowle Swyre and West Bexington Neighbourhood Plan**

After a successful presentation on Neighbourhood Planning given by Dorset Council on November 8th, the Parish Council would now like to form a Steering Group of volunteers from residents of Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington. This group would establish the priorities of the community, to help inform the Parish Council of the best way forward e.g. whether a neighbourhood plan was needed. If you are interested please attend the meeting on January 10th at 7.30pm in Puncknowle Village Hall, or if unable to attend, email PSWNP1@outlook.com with what you can offer/want:

- 1.become a member of the Steering Group;**
- 2.support the Steering Group now;**
- 3.support the Steering Group later; or,**
- 4.stay informed.**

### **THE NAPPER CHARITY TRUST - PUNCKNOWLE**

#### **Invitation for Applications for Grants**

The Napper Charity Trust raises a small fund each year to be used for the **Benefit of the Residents of Puncknowle**

Awards are now available on application – either in the form of grants to individuals or to groups. (The full terms of the Charity are available on request - see below.)

Any person or group from Puncknowle can make an application for a share of these funds.

The Trust will consider all applications including help with fuel bills or with school items such as uniforms, books, or school trips. If you are in difficulty and you think the Trust could help, please apply in confidence to:-

The Clerk of Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council (Sally Bowsher)

- Telephone 01308-897987 - email [puncknowle@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:puncknowle@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)

OR contact any of the Parish Councillors for further details.

# SHIPTON GORGE

Village Correspondent: Richard Hewlett, Greenways,  
Shipton Gorge. Tel: 01308 897278.  
Email: richard@c-m-sltd.co.uk



## St Martin's Church

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### January Floodlight Sponsors:

Doreen, for all those with January birthdays  
Yvette & David, for their family birthdays  
Ann Crowe, in memory of her mum and dad  
Carolyn & Geoff  
For Terry Hunt's birthday  
For Anne Hunt's birthday  
Hillary & Richard, for their Wedding Anniversary

**Thank you all and to those who donated but wished to remain anonymous.**

*Should you wish to sponsor the floodlights for any of the months ahead, a suggested donation of £5 is much appreciated. Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or if you are passing push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box. (Please check the cut-off date on the inside page of the BVN if you would like your occasion mentioned in the magazine.)*

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Thank you so much to Kate and David Bass for donating the beautiful Christmas tree to St Martin's and also to Fiona and the team for the stylish church decorations.

St Martin's Christmas celebrations got off to a flying start on the evening of 8<sup>th</sup> December, in a church transformed with imaginative lighting by Richard Hewlett. The Choir of St Mary's, Litton Cheney, under the direction of Paul Cheater, presented a programme of music and seasonal poetry. There were organ and piano solos by Paul, and a guest appearance by Anne Stone, playing two solo items on trumpet. Another highlight was a melodic and sensitive

duet featuring Andrew Lloyd Webber’s “Pie Jesu” by Wendy Firrel and Vicky Thomas. It was a wonderful convivial evening of music, wine and fellowship.

### **Breakfast Church**

During these winter months, why not take advantage of a cosy, warm, village hall, a lovely choice of breakfast and good company? Join us at Breakfast church in 2023 on January 8<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 a.m., 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Everyone Welcome

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## **Ding dong!**

**Listen out for the bells on 25<sup>th</sup> January when local bell ringers will peal at 10 00 a.m.**

# **SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE DIARY**

## **Welcome to our village diary**

Just search for Shipton Gorge Diary or go directly to <https://shiptongorgediary.co.uk/> You’ll be able to find out all that’s going on in the village from the Village Society, the New Inn/ New Inn Support, the Village Hall, Shipton Gorge Heritage, the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council

### **Village Hall**

In order to further develop our hall, Trustees are considering plans to make it completely accessible for wheelchair users. This will require a re-design of the toilet facilities and a small extension to provide the space required. To move this project forward we now need the assistance of both the regular users of the hall and you, the people of Shipton Gorge, to give us your comments and ideas.

We have a small number of design proposals that have been provided by CG Fry & Son which will be on display in the hall on 21<sup>st</sup> January between 10am and 12.30pm. The proposals will also be able to be viewed on the hall’s section of the village website at [www.shiptongorge.org.uk](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk) from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Trustee vacancies**

Would you like to be involved in a village organisation? If so, we currently have two vacancies for Co-Opted Trustees and we'd be delighted if you could join us. To learn what's involved please contact Richard Hewlett on 897278.

## **Energy Costs**

We have been disappointed to learn that the hall is not eligible for help under the government's Energy Relief Scheme as our contract began prior to the recent jump in gas and electricity prices. We therefore expect our energy bill over the winter to be at least double that of previous years, and would be grateful if users could be mindful of this when heating and lighting the hall.

## **December 2022 100 Club Xmas Super Draw results**

1<sup>st</sup> £100 No 38 Janice Symes

2<sup>nd</sup> £25 No 104 Larry Davie

3<sup>rd</sup> £20 No 62 Tony Lock

4<sup>th</sup> £15 No 75 Jean Wyrill

5<sup>th</sup> £10 No 151 Eleanor Evans

**Congratulations to all the winners.**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Cuckoo Lane**

Once again the overhanging trees and verges in Cuckoo Lane are very overgrown with tree branches being broken by cars and vans using the lane. **We are asking all those whose properties border the lane to arrange for these to be cut back to allow a 2 metre clear height above the carriageway.**

If this could be done as soon as possible it will avoid Dorset Council becoming involved and making a charge for doing this work. If anyone needs help with this then please contact the parish council who have a contractor who would be willing to do this for a competitive sum.

### **Mobile Phone Signal**

We have again been in contact with Chris Loder, our MP, regarding the poor mobile phone service in the village and are putting together information on what properties are affected, although we already know it is a lot! **If you could take five minutes to let us know if you have good, poor or no mobile signal in your property or outside it, then we would like to hear from you.**

The more specific information on this we can put together the better, including whether it has affected your ability to have a smart meter fitted in your house. Then we can challenge the mobile providers by providing a comprehensive list showing how wide the problem is in Shipton Gorge. Please contact the clerk or any parish councillor.

### Footpaths

Wally Axford, our footpaths officer, has been busy following up rights of way issues and you will notice improvements to stiles and paths throughout the parish. Many thanks Wally!

### Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the New Year on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, following the **public meeting and presentation from Jurassic Fibre prior to the meeting, starting at 6.30pm.**

Meanwhile we wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.



## SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Bringing Fibre  
Broadband to  
Shipton Gorge

11 January  
2023

6.30-7.15 pm

in the village hall



DO YOU WANT LOW-COST NEXT  
GENERATION BROADBAND ?



Jurassic Fibre has the second largest  
fibre network in the Southwest



It has completed its build programme in  
Bridport and is interested in bringing  
this to Shipton



£25 PER MONTH FOR 150 Mb/s means  
*MORE GIGABITS FOR YOUR MONEY*



*COME AND HEAR WHAT  
IT CAN OFFER US !!!*

**Heritage Gin Club** – The winners of the November draw were Tony and Margaret Tewson who opted for a bottle of gin – we assume to help them entertain their guests

## Saunders Richardson Wood

Some of the timber which was felled this time last year has been offered up free of charge to members of SGH and also to the New Inn in Shipton Gorge – it will need time to dry off before it can be used, but perhaps next year, when you are enjoying a pub lunch and a pint, being warmed by the fire, it could be burning with very locally sourced wood.

We are planning on having an Open Wood Day on Saturday 21 Jan from 1pm – with a bonfire and marshmallows at the end of the session.

Please come along if you have an hour or two to spare. **This is a members' only event, but membership is FREE, is open to ALL Shipton Gorge residents, and we can sign you up on the day.**

We are in the process of having a tree survey done. An initial walk round has been done but a further visit in spring will be needed when the trees start to come back into leaf and any evidence of ash die-back etc is a bit more visible.

## Shipton Gorge Orchard

Unfortunately, the weather thwarted our plans for a tidy up session in November – we will try to rearrange, so please look out for notices. Perhaps a good way to work off the excesses of Christmas!

Following a very successful session early last year, we have invited David Squirrell to do another pruning workshop – on Monday 23 January at 10.30am – or if the weather lets us down, Monday 6 February at the same time.

Can we take this opportunity to wish our members and all the readers of BVN a Happy and healthy New Year.

If you are interested in supporting the charity in any way, please contact one of the Trustees for information.

Details as usual on our website: [http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton\\_Gorge\\_Heritage\\_16417.aspx](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton_Gorge_Heritage_16417.aspx)  
and in the Shipton Gorge Diary <https://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk>

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Shipton Gorge Village Hall,  
7.30pm**

## Janice and Jon



A folk duo with a spellbinding presence, 'Janice & Jon's' compelling storytelling comes alive through tight vocal harmonies and sensitive interplay between mandolin, bouzouki, and guitar.

The duo has performed at the likes of Sage Gateshead, Cambridge Folk Festival, and Edinburgh Tradfest. Their latest album brings together folk songs that explore man's relationship with nature, love and loss.

Don't miss these rising stars as they tour to Dorset with Artsreach.

'Crystal clear voices, great musicianship, and obviously a deep love of the tradition.' Mike Harding (The Mike Harding Folk Show)

**Tickets** £10, £5 (u18s), £25 (fam 4 – max 2 adults)

Tickets available online at [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk)

For enquiries, call 01308 897407

Cash bar

# BURTON BRADSTOCK

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT

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Village website: <http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org>



## St Mary's Burton Bradstock

### 'Epiphany Songs of Praise!'

On Sunday January 8th we will be having a special Epiphany Songs of Praise service which will be led by the Reverend Edward Tildesley. During this service we will travel with the Magi as they visit the infant Jesus at Bethlehem, with readings, carols and a musical item for the season of Epiphany. Starting at the convenient time of 10.30 am, and lasting just under one hour, this is a service to which all residents and visitors are warmly invited. Refreshments will be served after the service.



***Come and join us for these inspiring services!***

### Tots' Time

**A Happy New Year to whoever reads this item ! Tots' Time restarts on JANUARY 13th from 2.00pm to 3.00pm..ish pm.**

2022 ended with a bang! (dropped stones) and a splash! (spilled paint) as we painted stars on stones and thought about Jesus coming into this world as a baby on the first Christmas. The week before, we had attempted to make 'sheep' by sticking wool on to thin cardboard tubes with limited success, though they did look better when they had faces and tails. Prior to that we had planted crocuses to take home and to give to others as gifts. Hopefully, by the time you read this they will be showing their beautiful purple, white and yellow flowers.

We have really enjoyed the visits we have had from the children in Burton Bradstock school reception class, along with their form teacher,

Mrs. Geraghty, and look forward to strengthening our links with the school in 2023.

Please come and join us if you are a bump, a baby, a toddler, or even quite grown-up like our clever four-year-olds, and please bring a parent/ carer with you.

Further info:- contact Audrey (01308 897227) Heather (01308 897780) or Helen on [BVchurchesTA@outlook.com](mailto:BVchurchesTA@outlook.com)

## **Burton Bradstock Village Hall**

### **Village Hall Bookings**

Should you wish to use the Hall at any time, the booking officer can be contacted via email at [bbvht.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:bbvht.bookings@gmail.com) or by phone on (01308) 897648.

### **Coffee Mornings**

The popular monthly coffee mornings where you can get a sensibly priced coffee/tea and cake plus a chat with friends will be held on the dates below. They run from 10:00am to 12:00noon and all are welcome.

Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Village Hall Trust (Bacon Rolls month)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Village Society

## **Burton Bradstock Films**

Films return to the Village Hall on **Friday 27 January 2023** with the long-awaited sequel to Top Gun. The new dynamic **TOP GUN : MAVERICK** is acknowledged to surpass its predecessor, with Tom Cruise, cinemas ageless fighter pilot, returning with nail biting aerodynamics and adrenaline packed flying. Described as thrilling as blockbusters can get, if you saw the original 30 years ago you won't want to miss this one. If you missed the original then this is your opportunity to see one of the best films of 2022.

Tickets will be on sale at Burton Bradstock Post office from 3 January 2023 at the new price of £6 but will still include a large glass of wine or a soft drink. See posters in village for full details

This film will also be shown by Bride Valley Films on Thursday 2 February 2023

## **Date For Your Diary**

**MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS** Friday 24 February 2023 in Burton  
Bradstock Village Hall

This film will be shown by Bride Valley Films on Thursday 2 March 2023

## **Christmas Round Up**

The Trust Committee members and helpers are relaxing after a busy month of seasonal activities. Both the Christmas Market and Quiz were well supported, great fun and made significant contributions to the Hall funds. Many thanks to those who attended and those who set up and ran the activities.

## **General**

In the coming months we will be focussing on the project to replace our aging storage shed, for which we have planning permission but as yet no suitable contractor, plus general maintenance and safety precautions. In today's world there are an ever-increasing number of regular checks, inspections and service that need to be carried out in order to comply with safety and insurance requirements, all of which cost time and money.

Our AGM this year will be on March 2nd, more details in the Feb BVN.

## **Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”**

### **December 2022 Draw**

#### **Congratulations to the winners:**

1st	£78.40	No 5:	Mr Colin Clark
2nd	£39.20	No 109:	Mrs Jenny Conway
3rd	£19.60	No 84:	Mr Mike Green

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the 2023 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £12 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

# Burton Bradstock Village Society

## The Speakers Programme

November's Society meeting was entitled "***A Year in the Life of Abbotsbury's Mute Swans***" and was given by Charlie Wheeler. Charlie is the manager of the Abbotsbury Swannery and warden of the Chesil Bank and Fleet Nature Reserve. He coupled his passion for conservation and working outside with his love of wildlife photography and gave us a highly enjoyable evening full of knowledge and beautiful photography.

The advertised speaker for January's, talk on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> has had to postpone but we are delighted to let you know that **Bill Turnill** has agreed to step in with a talk entitled "***Around the World by Vulcan***". Many members will know Bill as a fellow member, he was also the Vulcan squadron's longest serving Wing Commander, a very able and entertaining speaker and we are sure to have a great evening.

Entrance will be £1.50 a head for members and £5.00 for non-members. Mask wearing is entirely voluntary. The sanitizer and temperature facility are there for attendees use. The raffle and bar will continue to be run as usual. It goes without saying that we would ask Members not to attend if they are unwell.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Roger Ashman on 01308 898442

## December Bingo

To offer something different from our regular talks we decided to run a relaxed evening of bingo with mulled wine and festive fair. With the usual raffle and bar and generous prizes there was a good number of villagers who had a lovely convivial evening together. Something we feel that is well worth repeating.

## Christmas Tree Event

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November the Christmas Tree, once again generously donated by the Parish Council, was erected and decorated. At the same time the village hall and the library, were also beautifully decorated to create a magical atmosphere on and around our village green. Many thanks to all of the enthusiastic volunteers who were involved in this endeavour.

At 4:15 the sponsored decorations were attached to the tree, followed by drinks, nibbles and carol singing in the village hall. Then at 5:00, and despite the wet weather the official lighting of the tree took place. We were all amazed by the number of people who came out for this event, and apologise to those who missed out on mulled wine, and for the somewhat chaotic carol singing! It was a tremendous success, and is sure to be repeated in 2023, with better preparation for the number of adults and children who attend.

## **Flower and Produce Show**

To keep villagers entertained here are the subjects for the following classes:

Limerick: "Prime ministers."

Art(2 Classes): A painting in water colours or a painting or drawing in any other media with the subject title "My favourite season".

Photography, (2 classes): "Friendship" and "Through and Beyond"

We will publish the rest of the Schedule in due course.

## **The Society needs YOU!**

The Society always needs its members but we especially need Volunteers who will help run the Raffles at our events through the year. These are essential fund raisers that help us pay for expenses, and keep the membership fee as low as possible. It does not require you to be on the Committee.

Jan Clark has been doing a fantastic job with this for many years and is sadly standing down after the AGM. For more information, please contact Roger Ashman.

## **Membership**

If you are not a member, maybe you are new to our lovely village, please consider joining our society, by contacting Roger Ashman on 01308 898442.

Membership costs £5.00 per annum.

# Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

## *Library Opening hours*

Monday & Saturday afternoon 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Wednesday morning and afternoon 10.30am to 12.30am & 2.30 to 4.30pm

## **Digital Champion**

Do you need help using your PC, tablet or smart phone?

Louis, a Digital Champion, will be available at Burton Bradstock Community Library to answer your questions and arrange friendly, FREE one to one tuition at a speed you can keep up with. If you need help, please leave your name and contact details at the library or email



[Info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](mailto:Info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)

Please let us know what device you need help with, and an idea of the problem and Louis will be in touch.



The Friends of Burton Bradstock Charity Committee is looking for two new volunteers to join the small management team of Trustees. If you would like more information or would consider becoming a volunteer in the Library, please contact me on 07887 533408 or leave your name at the library desk.

Our Library is run by volunteers with the support of a professional librarian once a week. The volunteer role typically involves two duties a month (of 2.5 hours each), but this may be tailored to suit you. The tasks involve processing the books and helping our customers use the many facilities available in the Library.

Our Community Library will be 10 years old this month, and I would like to thank all the “Friends” for their continued support, in providing their valuable time and vital funds to ensure its on going success.

## **Date for your Diary**

To celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary we are planning an evening event on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, to include a talk by Rachel McLean. Rachel writes thrillers including the Dorset Crime Series. All titles are available to order from Libraries West and more information will be in next month’s BVN.

## **Contact the library:**

Telephone: 01308 897563; email: [info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)  
[www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)

*Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)*

## **Supper Club**

Happy New Year. All being well our first supper club will be held on 23rd January.

Any enquiries please ring Mags Chue on 01308 897543

## **Burton Bradstock Parish Council**

### **Next meeting**

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 18 January at 7.30pm in the Reading Room. If you can’t make it in person you can join by Zoom. Joining details together with the agenda and other papers for the meeting will be on our website <https://burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org/> by 16 January.

### **Contacting the Parish Council**

Contact details for the Clerk and Councillors are on our website, or you can write to the Clerk at The Reading Room, High Street, Burton Bradstock, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 4QA or email on [theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org](mailto:theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org)

## **Your Parish Council Needs You – Be A Councillor, Make a Change**

New Councillors bring fresh ideas and fresh enthusiasm. Everyone will have different reasons for wanting to be a Councillor but anyone with a passion for making positive change in their community can stand. We need people with all sorts of experiences, from raising a family, volunteering, being active in community groups or knowledge gained from your working life past or present. You are not expected to know all the answers on day one as you will receive training and will have the support of your fellow Councillors and the Clerk to help you on your way. Contact the Clerk or any Councillor for more details.

## **CONSULTATION, CONSULTATION, CONSULTATION**

**Please let us have your views on the two items below by the end of January by emailing or writing to the Clerk or posting on the Burton Bradstock Parish Council Facebook page.**

### **Basketball**

We are thinking about replacing the rather dilapidated basketball hoop on the playing field with something bigger and better. Providing we can find the right amount of space we have been looking at Shipton Gorge's area – a 4 metres by 8 metres tarmacked surface, or preferably a little larger to provide a good-sized practice area.

What do you think? Would you or someone you know use it? A good idea or a waste of money?

### **Future of the Reading Room**

We have been looking at the future of the Reading Room, our base in the village but a very underused facility. We have explored using it to provide affordable housing through the BB Community Land Trust, but have not been able to find a housing association to work with on such a small project. Another idea is to provide a work hub with “hot desk” facilities that could be hired by local people – an example is at Beaminster <https://beaminster-coworking.co.uk/> although we wouldn't be able to provide the private meeting space provided there.

Many projects could be considered as the two storey building sits in a prime location on the High Street, has toilets and a very small kitchen facility. Ideally, we would like ideas for the space that would enhance the daily life of our residents.

**Please let us have your views on the two items above by the end of January by emailing or writing to the Clerk or posting on the Burton Bradstock Parish Council Facebook page.**

## Artsreach in Burton Bradstock

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023, commencing  
at 7.30pm



### Set Menu – The Best of George Egg

George Egg cooks food while making you laugh. In the last half-decade, he's toured three shows, and cooked over a thousand dishes, all of them in front of a live audience, none of them with a kitchen!

This is the best bits, the most delicious jokes and the funniest food: three meals cooked live and you even get to try it at the end.

A show that is totally different from anything else you'll see, George Egg serves up a unique blend of live gourmet cooking in the most unconventional ways, while performing a comedic lecture. It's different, inspiring, and it completely spans genres.

Perhaps you recognise George? You might have seen him on Steph's Packed Lunch (C4), heard him on Loose Ends (BBC R4) and seen him online where he boasts over 5 million views. Now you can join George for a night like no other as he visits Burton Bradstock with Artsreach.



*"A culinary Bill Bailey with chopping boards instead of keyboards"* The Scotsman

*"There is a mischievousness about Egg's humour that is deeply lovable"* The Guardian

Tickets may be available on the door but this show is likely to be very popular so if possible please book in advance, either online at <https://artsreach.co.uk>, or telephone Bryan & Sue on (01308) 897421

Burton Bradstock WI was 105 years old in November and to celebrate we had a lovely afternoon tea complete with a birthday cake, which was cut by Barbara Pursey, our longest serving member. There was also a fun table quiz as well as plenty of time to have a chat and a good catch up with fellow members, making for a very enjoyable occasion. Thanks go to all the makers and the helpers.

Also in November a few members went to the Bath Christmas Market and had a very enjoyable day. Our Early Christmas Market and Coffee Morning was a huge success, making a total of £771.80 for our funds. We will hopefully have added to this by having a stall at the Village Christmas Market to sell some of the remaining items.

Forty four members and husbands sat down for a truly delicious Christmas lunch at the Ivy restaurant in Groves Garden Centre at the beginning of December. The food was superb and all credit must go to the chef and the servers who did such an amazing job.

Our Christmas Party went with a swing – more quizzes, a Guess the Christmas Carol game, Bingo and Christmas songs to join in, together with mince pies and Prosecco! What more could we want to get us into the Christmas spirit! We also remembered those less fortunate than ourselves by bringing contributions for the Cupboard Love food bank in Bridport.

Our meeting in January will take us on a cruise of the Jurassic Coast, albeit from the warmth and comfort of the Village Hall. Steve Belasco will be showing photographs that he has taken along the coast from the sea, so it will be nice to be whisked away on an interesting journey with some different views of our amazing coastline. Also in January we shall be voting for which resolution we would like to see go forward for more consideration by our National Federation. The choices are very poignant at this moment in time:

- **Save our Water – every drop matters**
- **Women to Women – turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea workers**
- **Online gambling harm – time for action**
- **Clean rivers for people and wildlife.**

It will be interesting to discover where our feelings lie regarding these issues and at the same time showing that our WI do care for what is happening around us, as well as enjoying ourselves and each other's company. Do come and join us. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 2.15pm in the Winter.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year!

# LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: SUSAN DYER

TEL: 482882

EMAIL: [bvn@longbredy.org.uk](mailto:bvn@longbredy.org.uk)



## St. Peters Church

### Long Bredy 100 Club

#### November Draw

£30.00 No. 52 D. Bailey

£15.00 No. 20 E. Bailey

£5.00 NO. 5 R. Maltby

Drawn on 18/11/2022 at the Pop up Pub by Charlotte, Ruth and customers

Don't forget that in order to be in the draw next year, Ruth Cullingford will need your membership money and details early in January.

The 100 Club Draw is now becoming a "rolling stone" and gathering new members each year, which means the proportion of money given in prizes also increases, as do the donations which go to support the three village facilities - hall, playing field and church. If you are not already a member, please think about joining. It is open to all.

### **Coffee Break/ Christmas Grand Draw**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Grand Draw...especially our sponsors, those who donated prizes and everyone who sold and bought tickets.

The total raised from the draw was £828.00, a tremendous effort, which will go to help maintain the St Peter's Churchyard and the GAP project in Dorchester. The draw took place at the end of the last Coffee Break of the year, with lots of friends and neighbours appreciating the refreshments and the log fire on a bitterly cold morning.

### **January Coffee Break**

This year, residents and friends have raised a huge amount of money for several good causes at the monthly Coffee Breaks. Therefore the next Coffee Break on Saturday January 14th in the Village Hall from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, will be "on The House". Coffee, cakes and savouries will be served as usual and we hope that people will just enjoy a post Christmas catch-up by the fire. We are **NOT** asking for donations..just convivial company and laughter!

### **Come Along Inn**

January's Come Along Inn' will be on **Friday 20th** from **5.30 until 9.00** as usual in the **Village Hall**. See the posters for details of the evening.

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## SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES JANUARY 2023

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 1st January Christmas 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 8th January Baptism of Christ	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 15 <sup>h</sup> January Epiphany 2	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 22nd January Epiphany 3	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 29th January Epiphany 4
Burton Bradstock	10am United Valley Service on Zoom	10.30am Songs of Praise	8am Holy Communion 9.30 family Service	11.00 Holy Communion	Feedback Sunday United Service with A, P and LH  St Nicholas Church Abbotsbury At 11am
Shipton Gorge		9.30 Breakfast Church		11.00 Holy Communion	
Swyre		11.00 Holy Communion by extension	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Joint Breakfast Church Puncknowle and Swyre	
Puncknowle			11.00 All Age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service	
Litton Cheney		9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion by ext	
Long Bredy			9.30 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship	

Mid Week Holy Communion Weds 4th Jan at Burton Bradstock, 11:30am

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82338601240?pwd=dW93QnJ4M1p5b1c1M1hzTWN4VjhBQT09> Meeting ID: 823 3860

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